



## York Catholic District School Board Curriculum & Assessment

**Memo To:** Strategic Leadership Team  
Strategic School Leadership Team  
Elementary Principals  
Elementary Vice-Principals

**CC:** All Elementary Teachers

**From:** Mary Battista, Superintendent of Education: School Leadership  
Ron Crocco, Superintendent of Education: School Leadership & Safe Schools

**Date:** March 22, 2017

**Re:** School Climate Survey: Grades 4, 6 & 7 (March 27 - April 28, 2017)

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Schools are required to conduct anonymous school climate survey of their students every two years and to share the results with their safe schools teams as outlined in [PPM 145, Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour](#).

The Survey is intended to identify students' perceptions about school climate, bullying and well-being in order to determine those elements that contribute to a safe, caring and inclusive school environment.

We strongly encourage you to help **all Grades 4, 6 & 7** students have an opportunity to be heard. The estimated time for survey completion is approximately 20 minutes per student. Information about the school climate survey will be communicated through **Synervoice centrally** to parents/guardians on **27th March 2017**.

The School Climate Survey will be available online for students to complete commencing **Monday, 27th March until the end of the school day on Friday, 28th April**. The survey can be accessed from the board website: <http://www.ycdsb.ca/surveys.htm> or directly at <https://www.research.net/r/SC5QB7X>

We appreciate your time and co-operation with this initiative and hope that the results, supporting resources and system trends to be released in the fall will enable you to continue to build and sustain a safe, caring and inclusive learning environment.

The following resources (accessed by clicking on the hyperlinks in [blue](#) below) are provided to assist you in preparing to administer the survey:

- [Recommended Checklist for Survey Preparation](#)
- [Letter for Distribution to Catholic School Advisory Council Chair\(s\)](#) week of March 27, 2017
- [Parent Letter for distribution to parents/guardians who have not indicated their email address](#)
- [Sample Website/Newsletter Blurb](#) (time permitting)
- [Teacher Notes](#) and [Glossary of Terms](#)
- Copy of the [Synervoice Message](#) to be communicated centrally
- Copy of the questions on the student survey ([PDF version](#) / [Word Version](#))

For assistance, please email [SchoolClimate@ycdsb.ca](mailto:SchoolClimate@ycdsb.ca) or phone Marcelle McShine-Quao, CEC ext. 13642.